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Ninety-Nines

Crosswind Chatter



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International Organization of Women Pilots

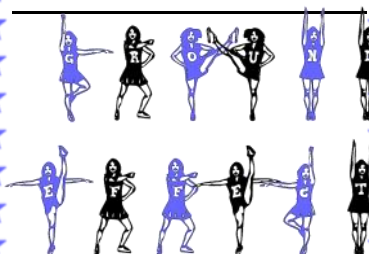
Upcoming Events

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for details.

99s Meetings

JAN 8
Business
Meeting
Zoom

FEB 14
Zoom meeting
with Gretchen
Jahn



No Program in January

There will be no program in January. However, in February, we will meet on Zoom. Gretchen Jahn will give her fabulous presentation on flying in New Zealand, which she gave at the Fall Section Meeting.



See You There!



Meetings Schedule for January

January 8 Business Meeting
Zoom



6:30PM

February 14
Zoom meeting with Gretchen Jahn



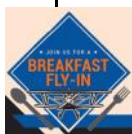
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THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THE 99S

Upcoming Events, Activities and Programs

Second Saturday



Join Wings Over the Rockies monthly fly-ins
featuring planes, pilots and breakfast!
At the Boeing Blue Sky Aviation Gallery
Centennial Airport (KAPA)



JAN 1



Happy New Year

JAN 8



Business Meeting
Zoom 6:30
All are welcome.

FEB 14



Gretchen Jahn will repeat her
Fantastic New Zealand
presentation in a Zoom meeting.

MAR 8



National Women
Airline Pilots Day
Women of Aviation Worldwide
Week is March 2-8, 2026

APR 14-19



Sun n Fun
Lakeland, Florida

MAY 1-2



South Central Spring Section
Meeting Wichita, Kansas
Hosted by Air Capital-Kansas Chapter

JUL 8-12



2026 International Conference
San Diego, California



There is Nothing Like
The Ninety-Nines!



Welcome new members!

Sydney Anstine, Martinek Azure, Sue Murphy,
Jessica Lynne Sickles and Quincy Terrill



The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

January 1, 2026 is the deadline to submit your application for an **Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship provides funds for various aviation training and research opportunities, including:

- Additional pilot certificate or rating
- Advancement in an aviation or aerospace field
- Technical aviation training or certification
- Emergency Maneuvers Training

Members of The 99s who joined on or before January 1 of 2025 may apply (the exception is Emergency Maneuvers Training where one year of membership is not necessary). Other requirements such as flight and medical currency must be met to qualify for flight training. Read more about the scholarships and requirements in the instructions at the link below.

General requirements and instructions are now available in the Member section of the website. Use this link for more information and applications:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/amelia-earhart-scholarships-awards.htm>

Be sure to read “Tips for Strengthening Your Application” at this link:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/download/AEMSF/AEMSFWhyDidntMyAwesomeAppWin.pdf> .

The deadline to submit applications to the chapter AEMSF chairman, Jane Link, is January 1 2026. Contact Jane, aescholarship@colorado99s.org now to start your next aviation journey.



Amelia
Earhart
Scholarship



Attention Student Pilots!

The spring First Wings Award deadline is 1 April. If you are a student pilot who has been a member of The 99s since on or before 1 January 2026, and have logged at least five hours of flight training in the six months prior to the application deadline of April 1, you may qualify for an award of up to \$6000. See the First Wings Award description and instructions on The International 99s website, in the Members Area.

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/first-wings-award.htm>

An updated version of the application will be available on the international website on or about 1 February.

If you are preparing to apply here are some tips:

- Download the application before filling any fields – the online form does not save any information you enter. Read the instructions carefully. Where bullet points are part of the instructions, be sure to cover those points at minimum – a little bit extra will be fine, too.
- If you need a mentor (any 99s member can help you!), contact Jane Link to help you find one.
- The 99s Recommendation and Certification pages (Part VII and VIII) are completed by the Chapter scholarship chairman, Jane Link, after the application is submitted.
- The Colorado Chapter is in the South Central Section.
- Necessary documents may be captured on a phone or scanner, but make sure they are complete, clean, **readable** and straight as possible.
- Email your application to the Chapter AEMFS chairman, Jane Link no later than 1 April, 2026

Still have questions? Contact Jane Link at aescholarship@colorado99s.org or jane@webzlink.com for more information.

Attention Student Pilots!

2026 Scholarships

With the new year come a new round of scholarship awards! Here are your important deadlines for this year.

- **January 1** - [Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship](#) application deadline (awarded by [The 99s International](#) organization for academic, flight training, technical training and more)
- **April 1** - [First Wings Award](#) application deadline (awarded by [The 99s International](#) organization for primary training)
- **April 30** - [Future Woman Pilot Award](#) application deadline (awarded by the [Colorado Chapter](#) for primary training)
- **July 31** - [Ruehle Award for Advanced Ratings](#) application deadline (awarded by the [Colorado Chapter](#) for advanced ratings)
- **October 1** - [First Wings Award](#) application deadline (awarded by The 99s International organization for primary training)

Watch for more details in the coming newsletters and emails! If you have questions in the meantime, contact scholarship@colorado99s.org.

Scholarships



Colorado Aviation Business Assoc.

CABA Foundation Scholarships

AND

**Joint Scholarships
offered by**

Please Note Deadline



Colorado Aviation Business Assoc.

FlightSafety
INTERNATIONAL

<https://mycaba.org/scholarships>

*HIGHER AMOUNTS, REVISED
CRITERIA, and ONE Type Rating*

There are several scholarships available through the end of the year! Open to everyone..

The 2025 Ruehle Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2025 Ruehle Award recipients:



Chairman Amanda Willson, Jacepine Hokanson, and Alaina Paradise
Scholarship committee chair Jane Link and Anastasia McCune!

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Scott Cocharo and Amanda Willson



"Mike echo oscar whisky! I repeat!
Mike echo oscar whisky, how do you
copy? Over"

Airmarking FlyCo Tower

Several Chapter members painted a striking miniature compass rose at the FlyteCo Tower in November. It looks fabulous! Those helping were Kate Whipple, Kate Yorga, Gretchen Jahn, Jackie Kudron, Camille Stillman, Riley Kromer, Rick & Donna Gerren and Margot Plummer took pictures.



Holiday Party

"We enjoyed seeing the following members and guests at our recent Holiday Party:"

Jacepine Hokanson, Kristin Smith, Kate Yorga, Donna Miller, Margot Plummer, Alaina Paradise, Jane Link, Jackie Kudron, Sue Murphy, Shalynn Swails, Kate Whipple, Riley Kromer, Anastasia McCune, Maria Stenquist, Dulaney Koogler, Quincy Terrill, Helen Song, June Stewart, Amanda Willson, Scott Cocharo, Mari Lopez-Audet, Matt Cape, Melissa Kurrle, Mary Lou & Raymond Pohl and Hailee Olson.



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By Terry Fiala



Margot Plummer and June Stewart

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Anastasia McCune and Donna Miller

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Have you moved or changed your email address? If you are a member, go to:
<https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/>
Otherwise, contact our Webmaster,
June Stewart:
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Moving?



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Marylou and Raymond Pohl

PPLI

Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

Not only do companies need women to step up as leaders, the worldwide aviation industry is slowly making strides to have more women in leading positions. As a professional pilot you can make a difference and can become a leader in your own right. Would you like to learn how to be an Aviation leader also?

The Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) is a mentoring program which will connect you with other supportive fellow Ninety-Nines.

It will help you to develop and enhance your leadership talents and qualities. And it will assist you to strengthen and advance your career progress.



Deadline January 15, 2026



Going Shopping

Are you interested in Ninety-Nines gear to wear to our next event, or just out in the community to show your Ninety-Nines spirit?

Ordering is a breeze. Or rather, winds calm.

- 1) Go to our Chapter website at <https://www.colorado99s.org/>.
- 2) Find the rightmost blue column labeled 'Other Links'.
- 3) For shirts, hats, jackets etc, click the link that says 'Ninety-Nines eStore'.
- 4) For name badges (that say your name, chapter and Ninety-Nines logo) click the [Order Badges](#) link and follow the instructions in the pdf.
- 5) Sport your spiffy new gear at our next event!



Hangar 44

Hangar 44 is excited to launch its new “**Meet a Pilot**” series, which highlights the extraordinary talent, experiences, and lessons learned from the pilots flying at KBJC. Each day brings new, inspiring stories from the aviation professionals within our community. This initiative also aligns with Hangar 44’s new platform, “**Know Your Pilot**,” designed to help people better understand who is flying their aircraft.

To kick off the series, Hangar 44 will feature fighter pilots—an incredible opportunity to meet and learn from these outstanding aviators.

Event Details:

Date: January 23

Time: 5:00 PM Location: Hangar 44, 9616 Metro Airport Ave, Broomfield, CO 80021

Refreshments: Drinks and snacks will be provided.

We Are Seeking



The Colorado 99s is currently seeking to fill the following positions:

- **Director**– Responsible for recruiting candidates for officer positions (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Directors), as well as coordinating the summer picnic and holiday party.
- **Fundraising Chairman** – Coordinates the Chapter’s efforts to raise funds.
- **Membership Chairman** – Responsible for promoting Chapter membership through recruiting new members and supporting the retention of current members.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions listed above, please contact info@colorado99s.org.

SOUTH CENTRAL MEETINGS

Spring 2026 Section Meeting

May 1-2

Air Capital-Kansas

2026 International Conference

July 8-12

San Diego, California



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